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Report of Clerk

North Easton Village District Annual Meeting held Thursday evening, March 28, 1912.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock, P. M., by Clerk Ralph W. Craig.

James F. Burke was chosen Moderator.

Result of ballot for District Officers:

District Clerk, Ralph W. Craig	494 votes
District Treasurer, Ralph W. Craig	494 "
Prudential Committee	
J. J. McCatrhy	386 votes
A. B. Anderson	332 "
Philip Wilde	318 "
Andrew E. Olson	258 "
Patrick Costello	141 "
Water Commissioner for 3 years	
William H. Ames	494 votes
Water Commissioner for 1 year	
S. S. Early	271 votes
John F. Long	220 "
Fire Engineers:	
Chief, John Baldwin	494 votes
First Asst., Fred Hanlon	494 "
Second Asst., P. J. O'Neil	494 "
Auditors	
John A. McNamara	494 votes
Joseph E. Anderson	494 "

Voted to accept reports of District Officers.

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money:

Four thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars ($4125.00) for Street Lighting purposes.

Five hundred dollars ($500.00) for Removing Snow.

Fifteen hundred dollars ($1500.00) for the purpose of employing and paying two (2) watchmen and police officers for the ensuing year.

Fourteen hundred dollars ($1400.00) for the support of Fire Department.

Voted to appropriate the following sums of money:

One thousand dollars ($1000.00) for repairing and building sidewalks.

Two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) for miscellaneous expenses.

Voted to authorize Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Voted that the sentiment of this meeting be: to have the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Co. consider the proposition of establishing a terminal at North Easton.

Voted that a Committee of five (5) be appointed by Moderator to act in conjunction with the Prudential Committee to inquire into the Street Lighting question and make recommendations to District at some future meeting, before the present lighting contract expires. Committee: Hugh Harlow, Thos. A. O'Connor, J. Clement Johnson, Charles Leach, Charles Andrews.

Voted to adjourn.

RALPH W. CRAIG, Clerk.

Special District Meeting.

Special District Meeting held Tuesday evening, July 30, '12.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock, P. M., by Clerk R. W. Craig.

James F. Burke chosen Moderator.

Voted that further time be given Lighting Committee to inquire into lighting question. Hand voten take. Result, 121 Yes, 106 No.

Voted that it be the sense of this meeting to have Lighting Committee report on an all-night schedule for every night in year.

Voted that meeting be adjourned until Thursday evening, August 1, 1912, at 8 o'clock P. M.

RALPH W. CRAIG, Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock, P. M., by Moderator James F. Burke.

Voted to accept proposal No. 6 of Edison Electric Illuminating Co., which reads as follows: Lamps to burn every night from one-half hour after sunset, until one-half hour before sunrise, except when the moon is shining, the lamps to be sixty (60) candle power, at a cost of twenty-three dollars seventy-six cents ($23.76) per lamp per year.

Voted that Prudential Committee supervise the placing of lights.

Voted that Prudential Committee be instructed to confer with Tree Warden in regard to trimming trees to facilitate the street lighting.

Voted to adjourn.

RALPH W. CRAIG, Clerk.

Report of Prudential Committee

To the Citizens of North Easton Village District:

We beg to submit the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1913.

Sidewalks.

Appropriation	$1000.00
Expended	822.52
Unexpended	$177.48

Paid A. B. Anderson, labor on Williams Street	
Setting curbing, 138 ft. @ .15 per ft.	20.70
Blasting, 10 days @ 2.25	25.00
Dynamite, caps and fuse	2.30
Drills	.50
Carting	4.50
Setting curbing on Bridge Street, 56 ft. @ .15 per ft	8.40
Carting	3.00
Repairing curbing where lamp posts set, 2 days @ 3.00	6.00
2 days @ 2.50	5.00
Carting	1.00
Cutting driveway on Centre Street	2.50
Paid Cornelius Daley, labor for concreting and tar top dressing,	
Sheridan St., 266 2-3 sq. yds. tar top dressing @ .40	106.67
Centre St., 45 1-3 sq. yds. tar top dressing @ .40	18.13
56 8-9 sq. yds. tar top dressing @ .40	22.76
Williams St.. 77 2-9 sq. yds. cement concrete @1.20	92.67
2 hours @ 3.75	.94
19 1-2 sq. yds. tar concrete @ .70	13.65
19 1-2 sq. ft. tar top dressing @ .40	7.80
Reynolds St., 436 1-3 sq. yds. tar top dressing @ .40	174.53
28 1-3 sq. yds. tar concrete @.70	19.83
Seaver St., 183 1-3 sq. yds. tar concrete @ .70	128.33
20 7-9 sq. yds. tar concrete @ .70	14.54

1 day 1 hour @ 3.75	$4.22
1 day 1 hour @ 2.00	2.25
Linden St., 189 sq. yds. tar concrete @ .70	132.30
5 loads of loam	5.00

Snow Account.

Appropriation	$500.00
Expended	27.25
Unexpended	$472.75

Police and Watchmen.

Appropriation	$1500.00
Expended	1475.00
Unexpended	$25.00

Street Lighting.

Appropriation	$4125.00
Expended	4121.92
Unexpended	$3.08

Paid Welsbach Street Lighting Co.	1899.63
" Edison Electric Illuminating Co.	2222.29

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Appropriation	$250.00
Expended	469.61
Exceeded Appropriation	$219.61

District Officers' Salaries:	
Ralph W. Craig, Clerk	$10.00
Ralph W. Craig, Treasurer	50.00
John J. McCarthy, Prudential Committee	25.00
Andrew B. Anderson, " "	25.00
Philip P. Wilde, " "	25.00

Joseph E. Anderson, Auditor	10.00
John A. McNamara, "	10.00
Election Officers:	
James F. Burke, Moderator	10.00
Cornelius Harvey	3.50
George Field	3.50
Henry McEntee	3.50
Edward Sweeney	3.50
Algodt Anderson	3.50
Edwin Hagland	3.50
Canton Publishing Co., Reports	30.00
Gardner Job Print, Ballots	4.25
Circulars	5.55
Notices for special meeting	1.75
L. B. Crockett, Envelopes and Stamps	7.70
Posting Warrants	4.00
Distributing Reports	4.00
Postage and Stationery for Treasurer	1.00
Paid to Town Treasurer	225.06

In the year 1910 the Town Treasurer through some inadvertance, paid to the district treasurer, the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars and six cents, ($225.06) more than the District was entitled to. In order to rectify this error, the Prudential Committee has drawn an order in the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars and six cents, ($225.06), and turned it over to to the Town Treasurer.

Recapitulation.

Appropriations	
Sidewalks	$1000.00
Snow	500.00
Police and Watchmen	1500.00
Street Lighting	4125.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
	$7375.00

Expenditures :	
Sidewalks	$822.52
Snow	27.25
Police and Watchmen	1475.00
Street Lighting	4121.92
Miscellaneous Accounts	469.61
	$6916.30

An action was brought against the District in the First District Court of Bristol by Patrick Costello and entered in Court on the fourteenth day of December, 1912, by which action he seeks to recover from the District the sum of Six hundred dollars ($600.00) for one (1) year's work as police officer and watchman, from June 11, 1908, to June 11, 1909, together with interest amounting to One hundred and sixty-two ($162.00), making in all Seven hundred and sixty-two dollars ($762.00).

The declaration also sets forth that on March 29, 1910, at a regular Annual Meeting of the District and pursuant to an article set out in the Warrant for said meeting, it was voted that the sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars ($550.00) be raised and appropriated to pay Patrick Costello for his services as police officer and watchman during the year 1908—1909, the money to be paid before April 30, 1910.

As to the vote referred to in the Declaration in said action, a Bill in Equity was brought by ten (10) citizens against the District, the District Officers, and the Town of Easton and Town Officers, seeking to restrain the carrying out of this vote on the ground that it was an illegal vote. Under this action, a stipulation was made with the sanction of the Court, whereby no action would be taken in regard to carrying out this vote until the further order of the Court. A hearing was had on the merits of the case, but was suspended for the purpose of hearing other evidence and no further proceedings have been had, the matter being still pending in Court.

The action entered December 14, 1912, was referred to counsel who filed a Motion to Dismiss for reason that the writ was dated and served less than thirty (30) days before the return day. No further proceedings have been taken in this action.

By writ dated February 3, 1913, returnable on the second Saturday of March, 1913, Patrick Costello brought another action against the District for the same cause of action. An answer has been filed on behalf of the District denying its liability, and setting forth the defence that by writ dated the third day of October, 1908, the said Patrick Costello brought an action against the District for the same cause of action and that judgment was entered for the District. Consequently, the claim is made that this issue having been once settled between the parties is not now open.

JOHN J. McCARTHY,
ANDREW B. ANDERSON;
PHILIP P. WILDE.

Report of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of North Easton Village District:

The Board of Water Commissioners submit herewith the twenty-sixth annual report of the North Easton Village District Water Works as follows:

At the present time there are 641 water consumers and 320 of these use meters.

During the past year 49,168,443 gallons of water have been pumped, making a daily average of 134,708 gallons. This is an increase of 1,197,462 gallons over the preceding year.

Between April 1, 1912, and November 15, 1912, there were 18 renewals and new service connections.

Extensions have been made on Hayward Street, Sullivan Avenue, and Holmes Street; and on Barrows Street the old pipe was taken up, and a new 6-inch main laid.

The financial statement for the past year is as follows:

FEBRUARY 28, 1913.

Statement.

Cash on hand March 1, 1912	$7628.94	
Received from Faucet Service	2326.45	
" " Meter Service	6017.86	
" " Sale of Meters and Mdse.	134.14	
" " " Mdse. used on Barrows Street	137.88	
Received for Privilege of shutting off and turning on water	20.00	
Received for Shutting off and turning on water	6.00	
" " Interest on Deposits	368.02	$16,639.29
Paid for Operating Expenses	$2782.58	
" Repairs	197.93	
" Meters and Mdse.	730.72	
" Bonds due August 1, 1912	5000.00	
" Interest on Bonds	2700.00	
Cash on hand March 1, 1913	5228.06	$16,639.29

Operating Expense Account.

Received for Faucet Service	$2326.45	
" " Meter Service	6017.86	$8344.31

Operating Expenses.

Paid Engineer	$1084.00
" Clerk	300.00
" W. H. Clements, Reading Meters	75.00
" Insurance,	75.00
" Eagle Oil & Supply Co., Oil and Soda Ash	31.92
" J. J. McCarthy, Carting Coal and Pipe	76.00
" N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., Freight	148.38
" Gardner Job Print, Printing	3.58
" A. B. Anderson, Labor on Extensions, Renewals and New Service Connections	132.74
" Hooper, Lewis & Co., Book for Recording Plans	1.25
" L. B. Crockett, Envelopes	11.70
" H. N. Hartwell, 261100 lbs. Coal	407.97
" E. E. Kelley, Supplies	3.09
" Oliver Ames & Sons, Corp'n, Supplies	16.93
" Adams Express Co.	2.75
" American Steam Packing Co., Packing	16.42
" Con. Dailey, Labor on Extensions, Renewals, and New Service Connections	352.35

Paid Ellis G. Randall, Making copy of distribution piping plan	28.00		
" Stillman-Carmichael Co., Cup Packings	1.29		
" Leon Lackey, Labor at Pumping Station	10.00		
" Telephone Service, Car Fare and Supplies	4.21		
		2782.58	
Mdse. used on Account of Pipe Renewals and Extensions	103.44		$2886.02

Repairs.

Paid A. B. Anderson, Labor	36.71		
" Sumner & Gerald, Block Tin Pipe	11.55		
" E. E. Kelley, Supplies	2.85		
" Henry W. King, Kettle for Melting Lead	2.00		
" Oliver Ames & Sons Corpn., Supplies	2.26		
" Walworth Manufacturing Co., Repairing Pump	1.90		
" C. E. Peterson, Painting Hydrants	9.72		
" Blake Pump & Condenser Co., Feed Pump	100.00		
" Con. Dailey, Labor	30.94		197.93

Interest.

Paid Interest on Bonds	2700.00		
Less Received from Interest on Deposits	368.02	2331.98	5415.93
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures			$2928.38

Merchandise Account.

Paid Sumner & Gerald, Fittings	$46.58	
" Walworth Mfg. Co., Service Boxes and Supplies	43.07	
" National Lead Co., Lead and Pipe	25.09	
" Builders Iron Foundry, Pipe	375.68	
" The Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., Hydrants and Valve	131.10	
" Thomson Meter Co., Meters	100.80	
" Henry Worthington, Meter	8.40	$730.72
Less transferred to Operating Expense Account	$103.44	
Less Meters and Mdse. sold	272.02	$375.46
		$355.26

Extensions.

Hayward Street 83ft. 4-inch pipe Labor and Mdse.	$58.15	
Sullivan Avenue 40 ft. 8-inch pipe Labor and Mdse.	207.39	
Holmes Street 511 ft. 4-inch pipe Labor and Mdse.	353.47	
Barrows Street 81 ft. 6-inch pipe Labor and Mdse.	143.10	$762.11

Financial Condition.

Original Plant	$75,414.57	
Extensions	17,882.20	
Reservoir	10,488.40	
Merchandise	1,299.61	
Deposit, North Easton Savings Bank	4,000.00	
Cash	5,228.06	114,312.84

Bond Account.

Bonds due August 1, 1917	$65,000.00

Bond Holders.

Boston Five Cent Savings Bank	35,000.00
North Easton Savings Bank	30,000.00
	65,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. AMES,
OLIVER AMES,
SAMUEL S. EARLY,
Water Commissioners.

We have examined the accounts of the Water Commissioners, and found the same correct.

JOHN A. McNAMARA,
JOSEPH E. ANDERSON,
Auditors.

Treasurer's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1913.

Receipts.	Dr.
To amount on hand April 1, 1912	$1837.22
Loan	2500.00
Town Treasurer, taxes, 1912	7000.00
Town Treasurer, taxes, 1912	225.06
Town Treasurer, taxes, 1910	4.66
Town Treasurer, taxes, 1912	300.00
Town Treasurer, taxes, 1912	51.80
Total Receipts,	$11,918.74

Expenditures.	Cr.
By Police	1,475.00
Sidewalks	822.52
Removing Snow	27.25
Street Lights	4,121.92
Fire Department	1,385.87
Loan and Discount	2,531.25
Miscellaneous	469.61
Total Expenditures	10,833.42
Balance on hand March 1, 1913	1,085.32
	$11,918.74

RALPH W. CRAIG, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Treasurer's accounts and found the same to be correct.

JOHN A. McNAMARA,
JOSEPH E. ANDERSON, Auditors.

Report of Fire Department

NORTH EASTON, MASS., March 1, 1913.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE NORTH EASTON VILLAGE DISTRICT:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit their annual report of the North Easton Fire Department for year ending March 1, 1913.

The alarms which the apparatus has responded to in the past year have been mostly for small fires, explosions of oil stoves, chimney fires, and forest fires where property has been in danger. We have been called to several serious fires outside of the District, where good work has been done in protecting defenceless parts of the town. The property loss in this District has been practically nothing.

We have had our ladder truck completely rebuilt, and have added to its original equipment a thirty-five gallon chemical tank, making this truck one of the most valuable and, without doubt, the best piece of apparatus of its kind in this part of the State, excepting motor-driven apparatus. In making necessary repairs and additions, we have been obliged to over-run our appropriation to a small extent.

The coming year we wish to purchase 250 feet of hose, and have repairs made on 200 feet of our old hose, replace the plates of our storage battery, which has been in operation nearly five years, and have some wiring done in the District building for lighting.

For maintenance and expense of Fire Department, we request an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars for the ensuing year.

JOHN BALDWIN, Chief Engineer.

FREDERICK HANLON, Asst. Engineer.

P. J. O'NEIL, Assistant Engineer.

Fire Department Financial Statement

Dr.

By appropriation	$1400.00

Cr.

Ivar Anderson	For Plumbing	$5.50	
J. Baldwin	Supplies	17.00	
Combination Ladder Co.	Supplies and Repairs	717.50	
Samuel Derby	Janitor	75.00	
Pettingell, Andrews Co.	Supplies	144.14	
Gamewell Fire Alarm Co.	"	15.62	
Dineen & Co.	"	.50	
E. E. Kelley	"	1.85	
J. J. McCarthy	Horse Hire	20.00	
Ames Store	Supplies	2.92	
S. S. Ryder	Care of Striker	6.00	
J. Baldwin	Supplies and Freight	19.84	
Hose Co. No. 1	Salaries	180.00	
H. & L. Co. No. 1	"	180.00	
Balance		14.13	
			$1400.00